

## Recession raises drop-out rate as students feel financial crunch

By Shelly Kraft

An economic recession usually means jobs will be scarce and companies will close, but it has also meant that some students have had to leave college.

"In September, there were three times as many (counselling) appointments about financial issues as last September," said Joan Magazine, head of counselling at Conestoga College's Doon campus.

"I've had people coming in who are broke, who need some extra money to make it through the semester. And it's not just \$50-\$60, it's more like \$500-\$600."

Magazine said people have had to leave school because, when they ran out of money, there was no last resort. It's harder now for people to go to their relatives and friends for



Carol Walsh.

help because they don't always have the extra money, she said.

Andrew Clements, a first-year electronics engineering technology student, is among those concerned about his financial situation.

Clements, who lives on his own,

said he has applied for and been denied Ontario Student Assistance Plan (OSAP) twice. He has applied for another review and is waiting for a loan that he's not even sure he'll get.

"They will send me barely enough to get by on."

Because he was unable to find a job for the first three months of school, his parents have been lending him enough money for food and rent, but his tuition still hasn't been paid.

Clements said that even with a new part-time job, he can't afford to continue school unless he is allowed OSAP.

Carol Walsh, a financial aid officer at Conestoga College, said her department won't know actual figures until the end of the year, but See Recessions, page 4

## Parking Lot 2 partially reopened

By Jayson Hunt

Approximately 75 parking spaces (three rows) in Lot 2 reopened Nov. 25 after masons working on the new student/client building finished their work.

Barry Milner, manager of physical resources at Doon campus, said as a result of the increased spaces becoming available, the remaining temporary

overflow parking lot, located by Lot 4, will be closed.

Milner said an additional guard was to be hired for a week to let students know that the overflow lot is no longer open.

"Everyone will be on asphalt again, which will be good, and that may cut down on repairs in that area."

Milner cited statistics collected

during the previous month to back up the decision to close the overflow parking lot.

According to his records, the most cars in the overflow lot was 75, on a day when a seminar was being held at the college and a lot of visitors were here.

The rest of the month showed figures far less than the number of spaces available.

## Traffic light to solve left-turning problems

By Tammy Caron

The installation of traffic lights which began on Nov. 5 as an attempt to eliminate left-turn problems at Conestoga College's Waterloo campus was scheduled to be completed by the end of November.

Campus administrator Donna Runions said the work was being done as the result of an agreement by the city of Waterloo, Conestoga College, and Mike Warrener, the owner of the building next to the school.

"This project is being overseen by the city of Waterloo, but the company actually doing the construction is Steed and Evans, an outside contractor," Runions said.

The cost of the installation of the lights was evaluated by the city, and then split three ways.

"I believe our portion is about \$15-18,000. Mike Warrener's clients now have access to the driveway and the lights, so his share is the same as Conestoga College's," Runions said. The rest is being paid for by the city.

Prior to construction, Warrener's building and the campus had separate driveways.

"He (Warrener) was having the same problems we were having. When his customers or the people who rent from him were trying to make a left-hand turn onto King Street, it was getting dangerous. The only way both of us could be accommodated was to move our driveway over to be across from Blue Springs Drive and have Mike Warrener's clients come over here," Runions said.

"We were also having problems with people coming from downtown Waterloo making left-hand turns into the campus."

Runions added that the driveway no longer belongs to Conestoga College, but is the property of the city.

After the traffic lights are installed, the northern exit to the campus will be closed, restricting traffic through the one driveway. The project was slated for completion by Nov. 29.

## Faculty contract progressing slowly

By Catherine O'Brien

Contract negotiations for Ontario's community college faculty have entered a new stage. Both parties agree that a fact-finder is needed to intervene and assist faculty and management in reaching a settlement.

They agreed that Dr. William Marcotte be appointed to the position.

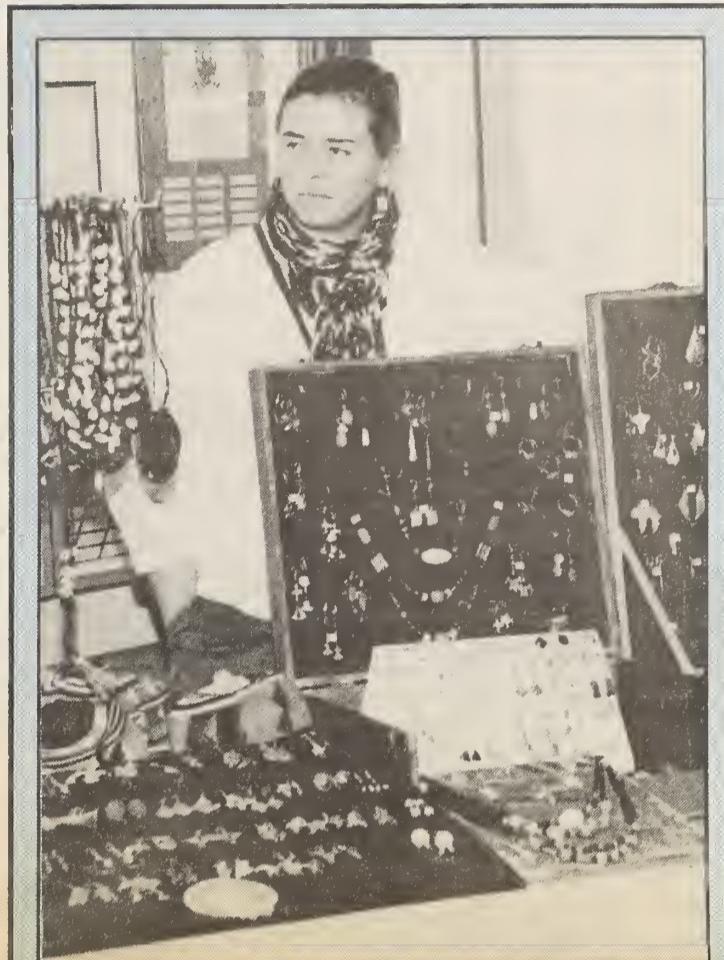
Negotiations were progressing at a slow pace compared with the college's support staff contract, which was ratified Nov. 14.

Wage and benefit packages are the main stumbling block, the president of the faculty union local said recently.

John Berry, Conestoga College's faculty union president, said union negotiators and bargainers for the council of regents were still far apart in terms of an acceptable agreement and it became necessary for a third party to step in.

Katie FitzRandolph, communications officer for the Ontario Public Service Employee Union (OPSEU), which represents faculty at the province's community colleges, said a fact-finder acts like a conciliator, and becomes the first stage of intervention when an agreement cannot be reached.

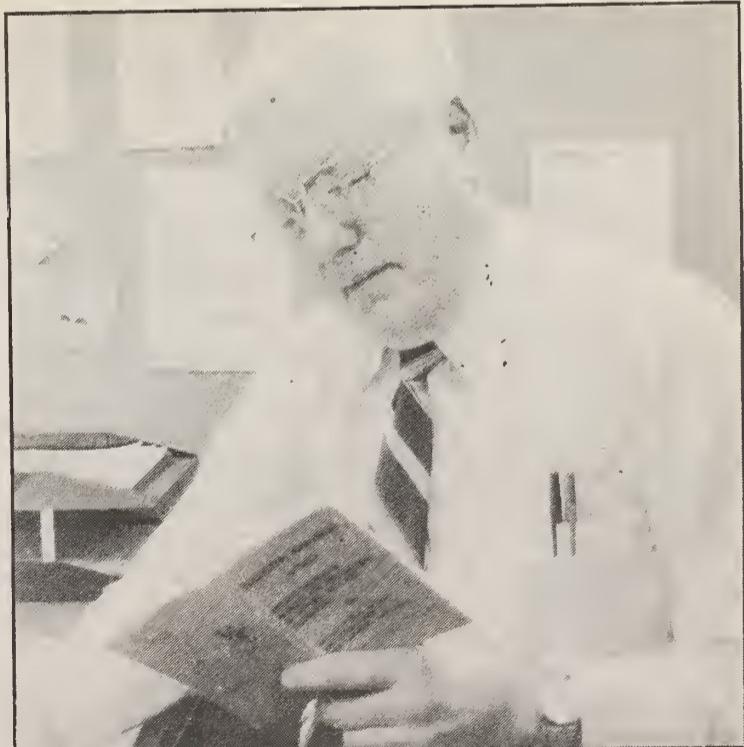
"This could set the clock ticking toward a lockout or a strike, but



Vanity fair

Margaret Van Helvoort, owner of Origin's handicrafts, baskets and jewellery, sells her items to raise money for the law and security administration graduation banquet.

(Photo by Leanne Okum)



Union president John Berry reviews previous contract agreement.

(Photo by Catherine O'Brien)

both parties are going into this with an optimistic outlook," FitzRandolph said.

Marcotte was the independent chair of a task force studying the college's wages and benefits. His report was a key element of

union proposals on wages.

According to Berry, the report was completed last summer and confirmed faculty claims that "the college teacher has become the lowest paid professional in Ontario." See No contract, page 5

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## Where is a fly swatter when you need one?



**John L.  
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They're everywhere.  
You can't escape them!

Dead flies have invaded the student workspace on the fourth floor of the main building at Doon campus. And they are leaving the observer of the horrid display of corpses (myself) looking for reasons for the massacre.

This is my story:

At first, the problem began slowly. I would hear the occasional scream of disgust from fellow students, but I was still unaware of the events that were about to unfold.

Then, one afternoon, I was sitting at my desk, compiling some sports-related statistics when I felt something crawl up my leg — I thought it was just my imagination.

And then, it happened.

I was minding my own business when, out of nowhere, a fly plunged to its death upon my desk.

### Suspicions grew

Before I had the chance to brush it away, I saw another fly, this one also dead, sprawled out near the wastebasket. It was at that moment that I knew something was wrong.

My suspicions grew.

As I was developing film, I saw a fly, drowned in the chemical trays. It didn't have a chance.

I had to come up with some answers — and fast.

I couldn't sleep soundly after that incident. I was up until the late hours, wondering what happened to those poor flies now littering the floor of the Spoke office and other adjacent rooms.

If any of you gentle readers out there wish to help in the investigation, please contact me through Spoke.

### Possible theories

Allow me to leave you with a carefully compiled selection of possible theories on the demise of the flies:

1. Many of them died from rejection after failing auditions for the movie, *The Fly*.
2. Most of the flies watched the DSA presentation of *Arachnophobia*.
3. A Halloween prank gone horribly awry.
4. An alien being descended upon Earth and destroyed all insect life forms due to a centuries-old feud.
5. The depletion of the ozone layer caused the deaths.
6. The GST killed them.
7. A spider (one that would make even Spiderman jealous), which dangles from the window behind the sports desk every day, got them.

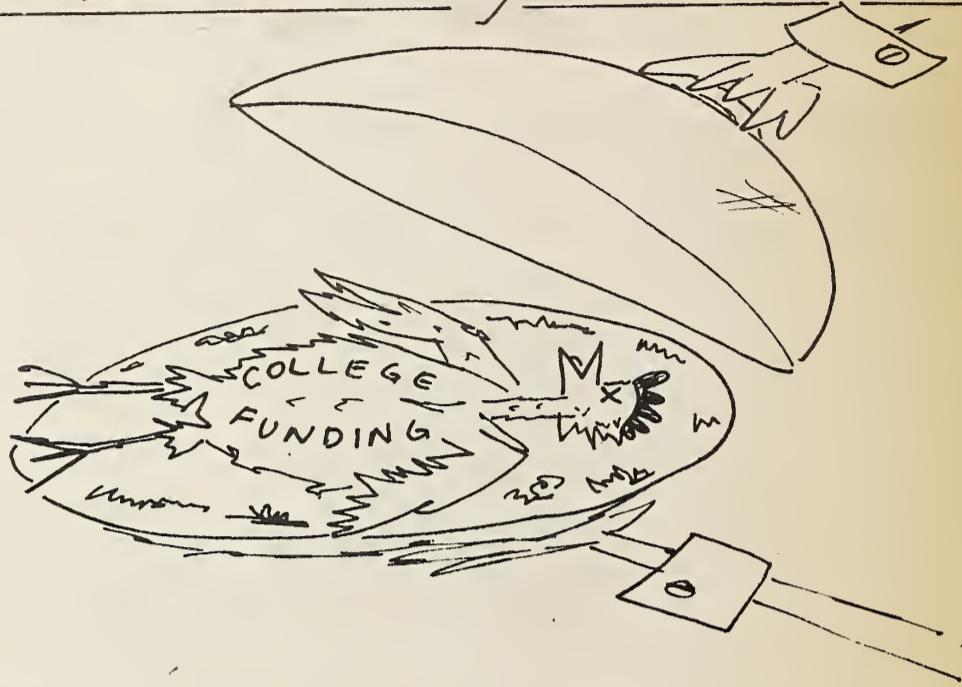
Speaking of the spider, where did it go?  
Hey, Ted! Can you see it? Where is it?  
There it is! Look out!  
Aaaarrrggghhh!!

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# OPINION

### *NDP Pheasant under glass*



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## Funding cuts are short sighted

The road to hell is paved with good intentions and, unfortunately, the Ontario government is laying more than its fair share of bricks.

The economy of Ontario, indeed Canada, is weak. People are losing their jobs and the government is watching its costs balloon.

In an effort to put its collective finger in the deficit dike, the New Democratic Party government has announced a funding cut to Ontario colleges and universities of \$14 million.

It recently tightened the belts of provincial hospitals. Both measures are entirely inappropriate and dangerously short-sighted.

Beating the current economic malaise won't be easy. But the one thing that most economists agree on is that a well-educated and versatile workforce is necessary for future prosperity.

To create this workforce, the province must see that three conditions exist: that students receive a good high school education; that there be a high percentage of post-secondary graduates; and that conditions exist so members of the workforce up-grade their education at various times in their working lives.

The first objective is just now the subject of much debate at the school board level and on the editorial pages of local newspapers.

But the other two have had less discussion. Of course, the deficit must be reduced. It is a drain on the economy and also poses a threat to the future.

But cutting post-secondary education is akin to cutting off the future altogether. And not just the future

of the province's youth, but also of its present-day workforce.

The days of Ontario's economy relying on its resource base and on low-cost manufacturing are over.

Strong global economies use the minds of their people to drive growth, not the Earth's resources (see Germany and Japan).

Strong education, NOT just for children, but throughout a person's life, must be a priority for the Ontario government.

Access to institutions of higher learning must be as open as possible, not just to fulfill a childhood dream of a favorite vocation, but to ensure the continual success of the worker, and thus the province. Cutting funding hits the night-school student first and the marginal student second, as post-secondary institutions hunker down to do their core job: educating the bright, full-time student.

As the workforce ages, its physical well-being is as important as its mental well-being — the two go hand-in-hand. Canada has an outstanding medical delivery system, one that other nations look to as a model (the United States and Great Britain at the moment). It demands to be well-funded and well-managed.

The budgets for health and education are tempting targets for governments when the time for belt-tightening comes. More economic good and less future harm would come from cutting dubious expense accounts and declining to prop up sunset industries than from chopping the future of Ontario's people.

— Daniel Harrison

## Sunday shopping needed at Christmas

In the Kitchener-Waterloo Record on Nov. 16, the Record Readerline posed a question to readers which generated one of the biggest responses to date.

Readerline, a weekly feature that lets citizens voice their opinions, asked: What do you think of the plan to permit Sunday shopping in December?

A full 69 per cent of respondents said they favored Sunday shopping, 29 per cent opposed it, and two per cent were undecided.

With such an overwhelming majority for Sunday shopping in December, why is it such a problem for the provincial government?

Bill 115, which permits retailers to open on Sundays in December (only) for Christmas shoppers, was indeed passed in time for all stores to open legally, even though the Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to hear three appeals against the motion from prominent businesses in Ontario.

Residents of the region responding to the survey said: "People visit restaurants on Sundays, buy gas, visit convenience stores, use public transportation, take taxis and other services on Sundays. Why shouldn't they shop on Sundays too?"

Others protested: "God made the world and on the

seventh day, rested, and it's holy. Keep Sunday holy. People have enough time to shop."

With the present unhealthy employment situation in the province and people being laid off for a variety of reasons, couldn't Sunday shopping only benefit Ontario?

With the dramatic increase of lineups at Canadian customs by cross-border shoppers on weekends, why should people have to go a distance when they could have the benefit of shopping here?

If people do not approve of Sunday shopping (because they feel it would tear apart the family) why, then, can't they just stay at home on Sunday?

Actually, it all sounds so simple: If you want it, go for it, and if you don't want it, don't go for it. Unfortunately, for some disappointed people in the region, it looks like the majority WENT for it.

Christmas is the retailer's most important sales period, but the results of another recent market survey show eight out of 10 retailers think that they will sell less this Christmas than last. Retailers themselves may need those extra four days just to help put gifts under their own Christmas trees.

— Leanne Okum

# DSA preparing activities for Christmas theme week

By Leanne Okum

The Doon Student Association's vice-president of communications, Jamie Slater is predicting Christmas will come early to Conestoga college Doon campus this year.

"The DSA has planned a Christmas theme week that starts on Monday, Dec. 2, and runs until Thursday, Dec. 5," Slater said. "There are lots of activities planned ... it will be a lot of fun."

On Monday, the DSA will be selling candy cane grams at the activities office between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

"You can send someone a treat for only 25 cents and all proceeds will be going to the United Way," Slater said. "The candy cane grams will be delivered on Dec. 4 and 5."

The DSA will also be selling pub tickets throughout the week for the licensed Christmas Wrap Up pub at The Twist.

Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$6 at the door.

At noon on Monday, there will be a Hummzinger class challenge in the cafeteria. Teams of three can sign up at the DSA activities office. "You get to hum some old Christmas favorites and your team members will try to identify it."

On Tuesday, candy cane grams will be on sale again in the Doon cafeteria and there is a free nooner featuring Mike Something.

"Wednesday features a visit from Santa Claus between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.," Slater said.

"There will also be free cookies and eggnog served by Santa himself."

A free Christmas skate at the recreation centre is scheduled for Thursday between 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. As well, Santa returns to the Doon cafeteria.

At noon, the DSA will be Christmas carolling and tickets for Thursday's pub will still be on sale



DSA activities co-ordinator Becky Westman stuffs Christmas stockings for the crazy Christmas wrap-up pub.

(Photo by Leanne Okum)

at the DSA office.

"There will also be a game called Pass the Parcel," Slater said.

"You get to pass around some of Santa's gifts, and when the music stops you win the gift you're holding."

The highlight of the week is Cliff the Condor's Crazy Christmas Wrap Up at The Twist at 8:30 p.m.

The first 100 ticket buyers will also receive a free Christmas stocking.

"People can join in with Cliff in a Christmas Carol Off where you can will win some great presents," Slater said.

"Also, there will be a chance for Conestoga students to win a trip to the Quebec Winter Carnival."

From Dec. 2, to Dec. 18, there is

a Salvation Army toy drive running simultaneously with the DSA and the Doon campus recycling group coat drive.

"Students can donate a new or used toy, or money, so that needy children will have something under the tree this Christmas," Slater said.

Donation boxes are located outside the activities office.

"The coat drive is on to help keep everyone warm this winter by donating clean coats, snowsuits, hats and mitts."

"There are two drives going on at the same time. It's an expensive time of year for us but we are not asking a lot from students. But, we are asking them to consider other people this Christmas," Slater said.

# You Tell Us

"What do you think of the pubs?"



"I think the bars are more popular than pubs right now."

**Tim Murphy, first-year law and security administration**



"I haven't been to one yet because I have too much homework."

**Peter Sleunarine, first-year electrical engineering and technology**



"They need more enthusiasm. I haven't really been to any pubs since homecoming because of the lack of spirit and money."

**Mike Laurie, second-year construction engineering**



"They suck. Actually, I think it's because this school has no spirit whatsoever."

**Nick Doelman, first-year electrical engineering**



"Well, because I have a three-year-old, I don't have time."

**Laura Moore, first-year early childhood education**



"I don't go to them because I am under age, plus I don't have time."

**Brenda Mullin, first-year early childhood education**



"Good. The first pub I liked."

**Mike Sloat, third-year marketing**

## Students urged to donate coats

By Jayson Hunt

The month of December has been declared Keep Warm Month by the recycling group at Conestoga College's Doon campus.

The group, in conjunction with the Doon Student Association, is holding a coat drive.

The drive starts Dec. 2 and runs until the first week in January, said Carol Pease, committee member and event organizer.

The idea for the drive, Pease said, came from something similar she saw in Oxford County, but dealing specifically with just children's coats.

I thought with our recycling plan there is the reuse end of it, and with the volume of people we have here why not give it a try?"

Boxes will be placed at 11 different locations around the school making it as easy as possible for students to drop off their clothes, Pease said. Depending on the amount of clothing donated. She expects to have a weekly pick-up.

Pease stressed that the clothes donated should be clean and in good condition because the facilities that are to receive the clothing do not have the time or the means to clean or repair them.

The clothing will be divided and

delivered to the Greenway Chaplin Neighborhood Association in Cambridge, the Kitchener multicultural centre and Anselma House in Kitchener.

"The main thing is to have the clothes go to places where people don't have to pay anything. People can just come in and take what they need," Pease said.

The drive also includes snowsuits, toques, hats and mittens. Children's wear, Pease said, is what is needed most.

If students donate mitts or gloves, they are asked to keep pairs together to avoid having to sort through them later.

## Corrections

On page 1 of the Nov. 25 issue, the cutline for the photo captioned Congratulations misspelled the name of the competition's sponsor. It was the Walter Fedy Partnership.

In the story about the competition, entitled Student Designs Winning Card, on page 4, the name of the company representative, Marina Huissoon, was misspelled.

On page 4 of the same issue, in the story, entitled Jobs Scarce, Journalism Students Told, Mary-Louise Skornyak's name was misspelled.

The story entitled Business Students Seek Own Computers implied that Jen Dellow said business students had their own computer room at one time. In fact, the computer room referred to was for any college student.

Spoke regrets the errors.

## College hires new security company

By Jayson Hunt

Conestoga College has hired a new security company, according to Barry Milner, manager of physical resources at Doon campus.

The new company, Wackenbut of Canada, an international security company, replaced Canadian Protection Service at Doon campus, Nov. 1.

Jim Brady and Murray Schofield, both former

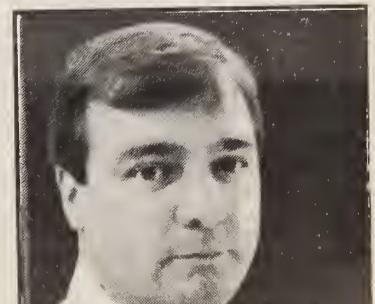
security officers with CPS, quit to join Wackenbut.

Milner said both Brady and Murray didn't want to leave the college.

The change, Milner said, "was a basic business decision — the old company provided us with a good level of service. I feel Wackenbut will also provide us with a good level of service." Milner said four firms submitted bids for the contract.

After the bids are received, Milner said, the college's purchasing department does background and references checks and considers the cost involved. "In that process we find out whether or not they're capable of meeting and responding to our needs, and whether or not they have any previous experience in an institutional setting," Milner said.

The new contract will last until April, 1993.



Barry Milner

## Student proposal offers compromise

By Renee Ammendolla

Business students are making a proposal to computer teachers: they promise to follow the rules of common courtesy in exchange for computer time.

According to Doon Business Student Association president Jen Dellow, students are complaining that the computers are never available. They cannot get into computer rooms because most of the time the rooms are scheduled for classes.

Dellow said teachers usually want homework to be computer generated. She said while it would be easier on a lot of people if their assignments could be hand-written, this is not acceptable to teachers.

This makes it difficult when computers are not available. Dellow said she understood the faculty point of view as well as the concerns of students.

"Teachers feel that their computer classes should be respected just as any other class would be," Dellow said.

But she said that with the lack of computers, it just can't work that way.

A proposal, Dellow said, is in the works from the student to the teachers, promising that if the teachers allow students into the computer rooms, students will use common courtesy and the classes will not be affected by their presence.

This includes going to the back of the room, not talking and not causing any disruptions. "It really is a kind of plea," Dellow said.

A committee of students in collaboration with several faculty members are writing the proposal and will post it for everybody to see. "If we can respect the teachers, then they can respect us."

"All we are asking is that students follow the unsaid rules so that doors aren't locked on us and exam-in-process signs aren't put on the door (when no exam is taking place).

"It's the minority of students who talk to all their friends and won't get off the computer when asked, who make the teachers lock the doors," Dellow said.

## Recession hurts students

Continued from page 1

but "significantly more (OSAP) applications have been processed this year." The number of cases going to review is also up.

"Many applications are being reviewed because students' parents have lost their jobs," Walsh said.

She said students haven't been able to find part-time jobs during the year, while summer jobs weren't as easy to get and the ones that were available did not pay well.

Sabrina Feser, a second-year law and security administration student, said she had four part-time jobs during the summer because

she was unable to find a full-time job.

"None of the jobs alone gave me enough hours or money," Feser said. "Four jobs only equalled about 40 hours a week."

At the end of the summer, she left one job and is still holding on to the other three.

Magazine said students need to learn ways of better budgeting their money.

She suggested that if money is tight, students could start car-pooling, buying used clothes and making less expensive meals.

She also said that money could be saved by paying room and board instead of renting an apartment.

## College to welcome VIP visitors

By Ted Hodgins

Close to 1,200 "Very Important People" will be on Conestoga College's Doon campus Dec. 4.

Members of the group, all area high school students, will be here for the annual VIP Day conference.

"It's our greatest hope that everyone will put their best foot forward and welcome these visitors," said Jennifer Leith, manager of liaison and information services.

"Every one of these students could one day be attending Conestoga."

"I think it's important that we remember that and welcome them."

**"Many of the faculty will be presenting (information) to these visiting students."**

— Leith

More than 50 secondary schools were planning on participating in the event, aimed at providing an opportunity for high school students to seriously think about and start planning their future education.

Every program in the college will offer seminars and workshops designed to get students interested in one field or another, Leith said.

"Faculty will be presenting (information) to these visiting students. They will be given a chance to see actual classes in action."

"I think that's a major component in this program, (for them) to see how our college really works," Leith said.

Leith warns there may be congestion in the campus, however, with all the "extra bodies" running about.

"Last year, there were so many visitors we had to have them propped up in corners eating their lunches."

"This is one of the campus's biggest events of the year and we hope that it will get bigger and better every year," Leith said.



From left, Leisa Cronberry, liaison clerk, Jennifer Leith, manager of liaison and information services and Linda Turner, recruitment assistant, promote VIP day.

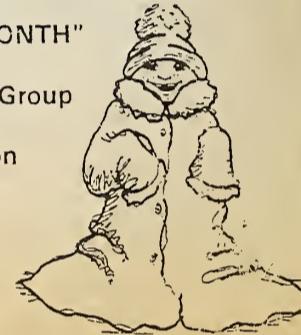
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December is "KEEP WARM MONTH"

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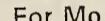
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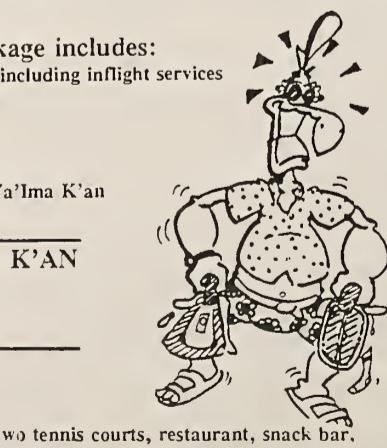
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## CAPE urges thinking about drinking

By Shelly Kraft

"Smart thinking on drinking" was just one of many slogans that appeared during Conestoga College's Alcohol Awareness Week, Nov. 18-22.

"I hope people are more aware of what the Campus Alcohol Policies and Education program is and hopefully they have thought about drinking and driving," said Tracey Gimby, co-ordinator of CAPE.

During the week posters were displayed, literature was made available, and highlighters and keychains were given away.

The highlighters read: "Smart thinking on drinking" and the keychains read: "Drink responsi-

bly" and offer advice on how to keep a friend from driving drunk. Gimby said she was pleased to see people were picking them up.

For the awareness week, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation provided a blood alcohol analyser and a reaction timer that were set up at Doon campus' main building near the student lounge.

"There was always someone using them," said Gimby. "It's good that people were stopping, taking the time to look at it, and thinking about it."

Besides the promotion of alcohol awareness, Gimby was also hoping to raise awareness of CAPE.

A CAPE committee has been started and she is looking for

more volunteers. Gimby started the committee because "with only one person running CAPE, it's not easy to publicize."

She said the committee will help make CAPE known throughout the college. Being a member of the committee would entail assisting Gimby with activities, helping to get students involved, promoting CAPE to all areas of the school, including the other campuses, and bringing new ideas to the program.

Gimby plans to have the committee help with the next awareness week scheduled for February.

"I hope to run more activities to get the students involved," Gimby said.

## Alcohol computer results surprise students

By Daniel Harrison

After consuming two drinks an hour for three hours, Chris Gatchene was surprised to find he should be throwing up, disgusting his friends and unable to drive.

At least that's what the blood alcohol analyser computer told him at a display during alcohol awareness week Nov. 18-22 at Conestoga College's Doon campus.

"This has got to be unrealistic," said Gatchene, a first-year broadcasting — radio and television

student. Other students also expressed surprise.

But Tim Crowthers, head of creative services at the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, says the machine is "very correct. The conclusions and calculations are based on well-researched information supplied by the Addiction Research Centre."

The \$8,000 machine asked for information about the amount of alcohol consumed, drinking time, the drinker's body weight and displayed the results of the drinking.

The blood alcohol analyser is unique, Crowthers said.

"It was developed here in Ontario about four years ago and I don't know of any similar machines in the country."

The purpose of the machine is to improve people's awareness of alcohol and its effects, Crowthers said.

"People are often surprised at how little they know about the effects of such a common drug as alcohol. It can be quite a conversation starter."

The display also featured two other machines — a reaction timer and a video driver's test — supplied by the ministry.

## No contract offer expected until '92

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Berry said faculty want to see a commitment by negotiators towards a wage package "that will enable a catch-up of college faculty wages."

"We need to see some kind of plan in place that will restore our level of pay in comparison with high school and university wages."

FitzRandolph agreed with Berry's comments, saying that "money is definitely a stumbling block."

She said that faculty wages are too low. "Given the hierarchy of education structures in Ontario, college faculty should be somewhere between high school teachers and university professors; instead they feel they are lagging behind."

In terms of non-monetary benefits, negotiations are progressing.

"We have cleaned up the language of maternity benefits, for example, and medical and health updates, but that's just nickel and

dime stuff," Berry said.

Berry said there was no talk in terms of contract length. "That would depend on what we are offered, but it will be some time in the new year before faculty can expect to vote on any contract."

Ontario community college faculty were last on strike in 1989.

That walkout, beginning Oct. 18, lasted 28 days. The main focus then was wages, sick-leave benefits and job security.

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The cafeteria will be a busy place over the lunch hour, so students and employees are advised to be prepared.

Last year, everyone pitched in and showed the Conestoga team spirit. Let's make it a positive experience again this year.

For more information on this full and exciting day contact Liaison and Information Services, ext 516 (Doon).



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Men Without Hairs baldly go where no mini-pub act has gone before

By Stewart Shutler

Men Without Hairs, a musical comedy group who provided entertainment for a mini-pub hockey rally at the Doon campus main cafeteria Nov. 20, got a great reaction from the crowd, and that's no bald-faced lie.

The duo, Edgar Thatcher and Victor Hanson, played a mixture of rock and comedy songs, making frequent references to their thinning temples.

In opening the show, Hanson said, "Welcome to the Men Without Hairs' Falling Out Tour presented by Conestoga College and the Hair Club for Men."

They did Weird Al Yankovic-style parodies of pop songs, substituting the original lyrics for references to their baldness. Huey Lewis and the News's I Want a New Drug became I Want a New Rug, and Katrina and the Waves's Walking on Sunshine became Losing My Hairline.

A highlight of the show was the audience participation segment. Thatcher asked first-year broadcasting—radio and television student Jay Retzler to get up on stage and yell his best monkey sounds. The sounds were then put to use in a version of the Ray Stevens's song Gitarzan.

In thanking him for helping them, Hanson announced that he was giving Retzler: free tickets, which turned out to be generic raffle tickets bought from a drug store; three new tapes for the musically-inclined person, which turned out to be adhesive tape; and a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle lunch bag.

Another highlight of the show was the group's rendition of Puff the Magic Dragon. Thatcher started out singing it the way peo-

ple would expect, in kind of a mellow tone. Then Hanson jumped in with an electronic percussion machine, and the two started to go hyper, yelling the chorus. The crowd went wild.

The duo also performed a comedy rap segment which, to some people, is a redundant phrase. They did the song Feelings in rap style and parodied what it would be like if Jack Nicholson sang a rap version of Wild Thing.

Hanson did impressions throughout the show of John Wayne, Sylvester Stallone as Rocky, Elvis Presley, and Jimmy Stewart doing

things such as calling for a cat and making love.

The "serious" music played was standard, competently-performed, crowd-pleasing nostalgia rock, such as Brown-Eyed Girl, Don't Be Cruel, and the sing-a-long American Pie, with the recent Free Falling thrown in for good measure.

With the show being part of a hockey rally, Cliff the Condor was out dancing around, trying to get people's school spirit going. On this particular day, the condor was sporting some unnatural curves for a bird named Cliff.

"Wow, Cliff is rather shapely

today," Thatcher said.

During an intermission for the band, Shawn McEwen, Doon Student Association entertainment manager, introduced each member of the Conestoga Condors men's hockey team.

When the band came back, Hanson said, "We are going straight to set four because set two and three suck."

In an interview before the show, Hanson said the two lifelong friends have been playing what he calls "high tech vaudeville" off and on for three and a half years.

"I walked Edgar to school, so I

guess you know which one of us older," Hanson said.

They had just come from playing at Algonquin College in Ottawa a few days earlier. Hanson said they play at a lot of colleges and corporate parties.

"We try to avoid playing in people's living rooms, but that's happened before," he said, laughing.

In planning for their future, he said the two of them are talking to people in Kingston about making a pilot for their own television show.

Until then, here's hoping Men Without Hairs can comb back to Conestoga sometime.



Edgar Thatcher



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# McLachlan's rhythm draws crowd

By Jamie Slater

Innovative artists who achieve success on Canadian music charts are a rarity these days.

With the market dominated by well-packaged and promoted commercial artists, it is nice to see someone like Sarah McLachlan doing so well for herself in a dog-eat-dog business.

McLachlan, 22, has released two albums, Touch and Solace, and is headlining her first country-wide tour which stopped at Toronto's Music Hall on Nov. 22.

McLachlan followed the same pattern she established two days earlier at the Humanities Theatre in Waterloo. Even with the element of surprise taken away from this reviewer, she put together a superb show that blended acoustics to her well-trained voice.

Drawn to the Rhythm and Into the Fire served notice that the sold-out audience was in for a treat as

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McLachlan's voice rose throughout the hall.

"It's time to quiet it down for a bit," McLachlan said as she broke into a sombre rendition of Touch. She followed it with Lost, Shelter, a hard-hitting Home and Out of Shadows.

Perhaps the most breathtaking moment of the evening was when her band left the stage and McLachlan took a rare trip to the keyboard. Quietly at first, McLachlan broke into a mesmerizing version of Ben's Song.

Even slight feedback problems couldn't stop the crowd from giving a three-minute standing ovation for the song which gave the best indication of McLachlan's high, sultry voice.

After being showered with dozens of roses, McLachlan went back to her acoustic guitar and finished the show up with I Will Not Forget

You, Trust, Path of Thorns and a comical version of Steaming which had mixes of the group C&C Music Factory and Madonna's song Vogue (even McLachlan moved to the music).

Of course, in the tradition of every rock concert, it is never over until the persuasive fans encourage the act to come back out for an encore. McLachlan obliged her fans in fine form.

After a touching cover of Talk Talk's Give It Up, McLachlan launched into the song that made it all possible. Full of strings, keyboards and voice, McLachlan soared in Vox and got the respective audience up on their feet.

Unlike the Waterloo performance, the final encore of Billie Holiday's Gloomy Sunday was not performed.

McLachlan came onstage and explained to the attentive audience



Sarah McLachlan

(Photo provided by Nettwerk)

Hoskins himself was not so much the star of the band as compared to his female counterpart who was cut from the same cloth as McLachlan.

On the whole, the band complemented McLachlan well.

## Conestoga students provide musical entertainment for each other, naturally

By Stewart Shuter

Conestoga College's first student participation nooner was held in the Doon campus main cafeteria Nov. 19.

The Natural Sounds nooner was a chance for "students to get positive feedback from other students," said Shawn McEwen, the Doon Student Association's entertainment manager.

Students were encouraged a few weeks before the show to sign up.

There were seven attractions in the show: three solo acts, a pair of duo acts, and two group acts.

Ryan Hovinga and Nate Hendley, both second-year journalism students, opened the program. The pair, on guitars, did two songs, with Hendley on vocals.

Roberto "Ziggy" Machado, a first-year journalism student, played two songs on his guitar. The first an instrumental followed by a rendition of Lou Reed's Sweet Jane.

The third act featured broadcasting — radio and television student Jay Retzler playing guitar.

Retzler performed Try by Blue Rodeo and the crowd responded positively. He also played a song he wrote himself.

Hovinga, (aka Syd) followed with

a solo set.

The fifth, the winners of last year's Homegrown Talent Night, was The Harmonics.

The Harmonics include Steve

Dobson, a first-year nursing student, vocals; James Ward, a University of Guelph student, vocals and guitar, and Chris Moreno, vocals and keyboards.

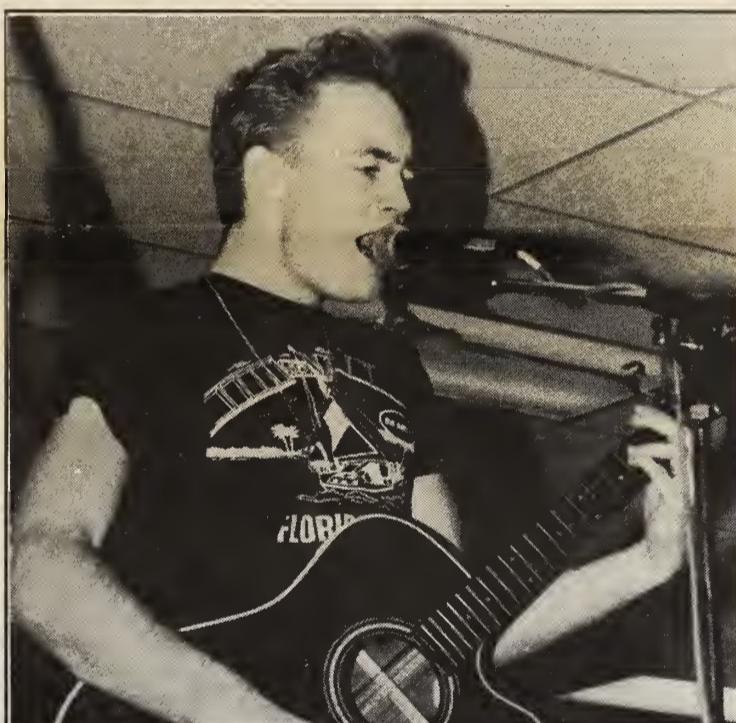
The Harmonics sang the Eagles' Seven Bridges Road and one of their "hundreds of originals" — Wild Starlight.

Following The Harmonics, McEwen played on keyboards accompanied by James Steinbach, a second-year robotics automation

student, on guitar. They played She Talks to Angels.

The final act was a trio called Drastic Measures.

Craig Stewart, vocals and guitar; Brad Smith, guitar, and Ken Cennerelli, drums. Group members are all second-year journalism students.



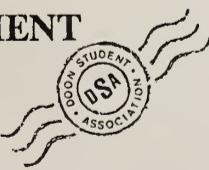
Jay Retzler, a broadcasting — radio and television student, sings Try, a Blue Rodeo tune, at the Natural Sounds nooner in the Doon cafeteria.

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# SPORTS

## Condors make Niagara fall

By John L. Tachauer

The men's hockey Condors used defence in more ways than one Nov. 20 to defeat visiting Niagara College 5-4.

Several brawls took place on the ice, especially during the second period, as more than 50 spectators cheered.

"It's a healthy rivalry," coach Dan Young said. "Whenever the two teams play, the emotions usually run high."

### Goals scored

Amid the fighting, Condor Stu Schneider opened the scoring early in the first period, with an assist going to Todd Francis.

Brad Karges moved quickly with a goal of his own, assisted by Brett Long and Fozzie Pelegrino, giving the Condors an early 2-0 lead.

The score remained that way until midway through the second period when Niagara's Kent Lwach scored on a powerplay.

Another powerplay goal five minutes later by Dale Zimmerman tied the score 2-2.

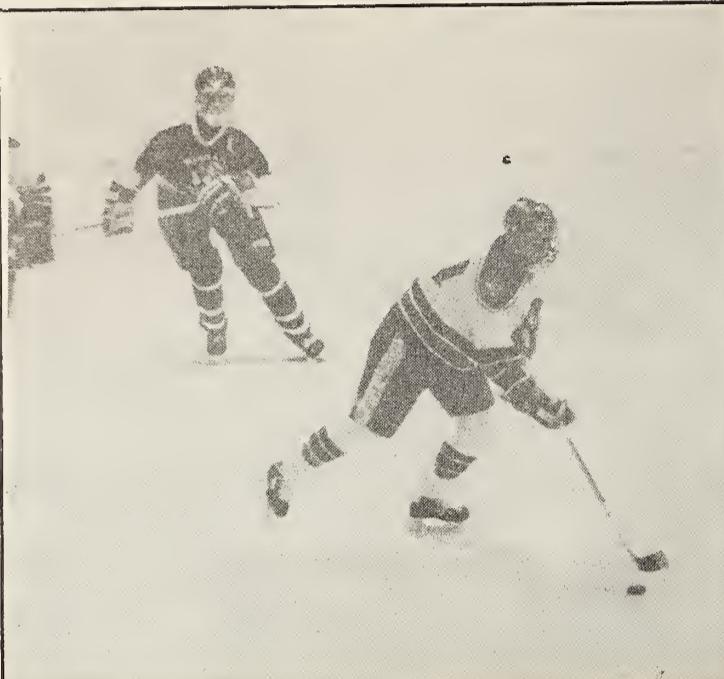
### Condors lead

Condors took the lead early in the third period on a goal by Mike Laurie, with assists going to Ian Morgan and Brad Shantz.

The offence for both teams kicked in with five minutes remaining in the game.

Niagara tied the game on Jason Disher's powerplay goal.

Condors counteracted with two



Condor Brad Karges handles the puck.

(Photo by John L. Tachauer)

goals of their own, the first by Shawn Wright and the second by Schneider, his second goal of the game, giving them a 5-3 lead.

Zimmerman kept the game close with his second goal for Niagara with seven seconds left to play.

"I was concerned about the Condor defencemen," Young said. "The team did a great job. We will have the best defence when we're finished."

Young said the Condors will have to use the same effort used in the

Niagara game to beat the University of Buffalo, their upcoming opponents.

"Buffalo has quick forwards and decent goaltending. But, if we work hard, we'll beat them."

Condors will get their chance against Buffalo Dec. 4.

### Sports standings for week ending Nov. 22

#### Men's Basketball (Division 1)

Team	GP	W	L	GBL
Humber	4	4	0	-
Algonquin	5	4	1	1/2
Seneca	4	3	1	-
Durham	4	2	2	2
George Brown	4	2	2	2
Centennial	4	1	3	3

#### Western Division

Team	GP	W	L	GBL
Canadore	5	4	1	1/2
Sheridan	2	1	1	2
Mohawk	2	1	1	2
CONESTOGA	3	1	2	2 1/2
St. Clair	3	0	3	3 1/2
Fanshawe	6	0	6	5

#### Women's Basketball (Division 1)

Team	GP	W	L	GBL
Humber	5	5	0	-
George Brown	3	3	0	1
Seneca	2	2	0	1 1/2
Durham	2	0	2	3 1/2
Centennial	4	0	4	4 1/2

St. Lawrence (K) has yet to play a game.

#### Western Division

Team	GP	W	L	GBL
Fanshawe	3	2	1	2
Lambton	2	1	1	1 1/2
Redeemer	4	1	3	3 1/2
Mohawk	1	0	1	3
CONESTOGA	2	0	2	3 1/2

#### Men's Volleyball (Division 2)

Team	MW	ML	GW	GL
Cambridge	5	0	12	2
St. Lawrence (K)	3	1	8	3
Canadore	3	2	9	6
Algonquin	1	3	3	8
Sault	1	4	3	10
Fleming (P)	0	3	0	6

#### Western Division

Team	MW	ML	GW	GL
Niagara	3	1	11	8
CONESTOGA	1	2	7	7
Georgian	1	1	5	5
George Brown	1	1	4	5
Redeemer	1	2	5	7

#### Women's Volleyball (Division 2)

Team	MW	ML	GW	GL
Loyalist	1	0	3	1
St. Lawrence (K)	2	1	7	4
Algonquin	2	1	8	5
R.M.C.	1	3	6	10
St. Lawrence (C)	1	2	4	8

#### Western Division

Team	MW	ML	GW	GL
Mohawk	2	0	6	1
Redeemer	2	1	7	4
Niagara	1	2	6	7
Lambton	1	1	4	5
CONESTOGA	0	2	0	6

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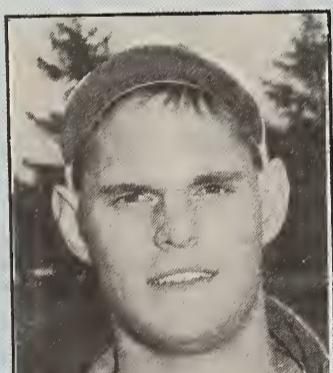
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## Athletes of the week



Kyle Dietrich

Kyle Dietrich of the men's hockey Condors has been named male athlete of the week. He contributed in the Condor win against Niagara.

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Dhana Clements of the women's basketball Condors has been named female athlete of the week for the second straight week. She helped in the team's offence.

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